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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV EXPORT CONTROL PROCEDURES

REFS: BELGRADE 312, 6084; STATE 13142, 249399

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD ANOTHER FRANK AND VERY USEFUL MEETING FEBRUARY 28 WITH DEJAN DIMOV, ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF ECONOMY, REINFORCING OUR IMPRESSION THAT CHAMBER IS DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT VIGOROUSLY ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH US INTERAGENCY TEAM TO ASSURE THAT US-PRODUCED SENSITIVE COMMODITIES WILL HAVE ONLY AUTHORIZED USE.

2. DIMOV REPORTED THAT INSPECTION SERVICE'S POST-SHIPMENT CHECK ON CASE NUMBER ONE PRESENTED PRIOR TO INTERAGENCY TEAM VISIT (AUTOMATIC CORE TEST SYSTEMS. END USE CERTIFICATE U-1316 TOM AUGUST 1972) DISCLOSED THAT SYSTEMS ILLEGALLY REEXPORTED TO BULGARIA. ACTUAL REEXPORTER WAS KOTEKS EXPORT-IMPORT FIRM, PRVOBORACA 14, SPLIT.

3. ACCORDING TO DIMOV, FIRM IRET WAS FOUND GUILTY OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNAUTHORIZED REEXPORT, WAS HEAVILY FINED AND BARRED FROM ALL IMPORT AND EXPORT TRANS-
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ACTIONS WORLDWIDE FOR PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS. BAN

HAS REPORTEDLY ALREADY EXPIRED.

4. DIMOV ADDED THAT HE HAS DESPATCHED LARGE INSPECTION TEAM TO IRET FOR INVESTIGATION INTO FIRM'S ENTIRE OPERATIONS. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF RESULTS.

5. FINDINGS CONCERNING FOUR OTHER POST-SHIPMENT CHECKS REQUESTED BY INTERAGENCY TEAM ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

6. DIMOV SUPPLIED COMPREHENSIVE ANSWERS TO TWO PRE-LICENSE CHECK REQUESTS (SEE SEPTTEL) AND PROMISED INFORMATION SOONEST ON FOUR OTHER REQUESTS RECENTLY FORWARDED TO HIM. HE POINTED TO RESULTS ALREADY ACHIEVED BY CHAMBER'S NEW EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE OBTAINING FROM FIRMS AND PASSING TO WASHINGTON OF SIGNIFICANTLY MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON ALL TRANSACTION.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) WE WOULD APPRECIATE INTER-AGENCY REACTION TO YUGOSLAV IMPLEMENTATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AGREED DURING INTERAGENCY TEAM VISIT; (B) IF THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN EXPORT CONTROL FUNCTION (AS SEEMS APPARENT) WE HOPE THAT BACKLOG OF PENDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS CAN NOW BE ELIMINATED. THIS BACKLOG, WHICH DATES BACK TO FALL 1974, HAS RESULTED IN SOME COMPLAINTS BY IMPORTING YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES AND COULD THREATEN MARKETS FOR US PRODUCTS WHICH WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO DEVELOP. (C) PLEASE INFORM US, ON REGULAR BASIS, OF USG ACTION TAKEN CONCERNING EACH LICENSE APPLICATION ON WHICH PRE-LICENSE CHECKS WAS CONDUCTED HERE.
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